

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

DEBRA CRAIG,

Plaintiff,

v.

NOVARTIS PHARMACEUTICALS
CORPORATION,

Defendant.

C20-1641 TSZ

MINUTE ORDER SETTING
TRIAL AND RELATED
DATES

Having reviewed the parties' Joint Status Report, docket no. 20, and having held a telephone conference on March 25, 2021, the Court SETS the following trial date and pretrial deadlines:

JURY TRIAL DATE

January 30, 2023

Length of Trial

2–3 weeks

Deadline for joining additional parties

December 1, 2021

Any motions for leave to amend pleadings filed by

December 1, 2021

Plaintiff's expert reports filed by

April 1, 2022

Defendant's responsive expert reports filed by

May 13, 2022

Plaintiff's expert depositions filed by

August 1, 2022

All other motions related to discovery filed by

September 1, 2022

1	Defendant's expert depositions filed by	September 30, 2022
2	Discovery completed by	September 30, 2022
3	All dispositive motions must be filed by	October 14, 2022
4	and noted on the motion calendar no later	
	than the fourth Friday thereafter (<i>see</i> LCR 7(d))	
5	All motions related to expert witnesses (<i>e.g.</i> , Daubert	November 17, 2022
6	motion) must be filed by	
7	and noted on the motion calendar no later	
	than the third Friday thereafter (<i>see</i> LCR 7(d))	
8	Mediation per LCR 39.1(c) must be held no later than	December 20, 2022
9	Under LCR 39.1(c), the Court ORDERS that the	
10	parties engage in mediation; the parties may seek	
	relief from this requirement by motion and upon a	
	showing of good cause	
11	All motions <i>in limine</i> must be filed by	December 29, 2022
12	and noted for the third Friday thereafter; responses	
	shall be due on the noting date; no reply shall be	
	filed unless requested by the Court	
13	Letter of compliance as to LCR 39.1 filed by	January 3, 2023
14	A roster of LCR 39.1 mediators can be located on	
	the Internet at www.wawd.uscourts.gov	
15	Agreed Pretrial Order due ¹	January 13, 2023
16	Trial briefs, proposed voir dire questions, and	January 13, 2023
	proposed jury instructions due	
17	Pretrial conference to be held at 10:00 a.m. on	January 20, 2023

18 These dates are set at the direction of the Court after reviewing the joint status
19 report and discovery plan submitted by the parties. All other dates are specified in the

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22 ¹ The Agreed Pretrial Order shall be filed in CM/ECF and shall also be attached as a Word
23 compatible file to an e-mail sent to the following address: ZillyOrders@wawd.uscourts.gov.

1 Local Civil Rules. These are firm dates that can be changed only by order of the Court,
2 not by agreement of counsel or the parties. The Court will alter these dates only upon
3 good cause shown: failure to complete discovery within the time allowed is not
4 recognized as good cause.

5 As required by LCR 37(a), all discovery matters are to be resolved by agreement if
6 possible. Counsel are further directed to cooperate in preparing the final pretrial order in
7 the format required by LCR 16.1, except as ordered below.

8 Notwithstanding Local Civil Rule 16.1, the exhibit list shall be prepared in table
9 format with the following columns: "Exhibit Number," "Description," "Admissibility
10 Stipulated," "Authenticity Stipulated/Admissibility Disputed," "Authenticity Disputed,"
11 and "Admitted." The latter column is for the Clerk's convenience and shall remain
12 blank, but the parties shall indicate the status of an exhibit's authenticity and
13 admissibility by placing an "X" in the appropriate column. Duplicate documents shall
14 not be listed twice: once a party has identified an exhibit in the pretrial order, any party
15 may use it.

16 The original and one copy of the trial exhibits are to be delivered to the courtroom
17 at a time coordinated with Gail Glass, who can be reached at 206-370-8522, no later than
18 the Friday before trial. Each set of exhibits shall be submitted in a three-ring binder with
19 appropriately numbered tabs. Each exhibit shall be clearly marked. Plaintiff's exhibits
20 shall be numbered consecutively beginning with 1; defendant's exhibits shall be
21 numbered consecutively beginning with the next multiple of 100 after plaintiff's last
22 exhibit; any other party's exhibits shall be numbered consecutively beginning with the

1 next multiple of 100 after defendant's last exhibit. For example, if plaintiff's last exhibit
2 is numbered 159, then defendant's exhibits shall begin with the number 200; if
3 defendant's last exhibit number is 321, then any other party's exhibits shall begin with
4 the number 400.

5 Counsel must be prepared to begin trial on the date scheduled, but it should be
6 understood that the trial may have to await the completion of other cases.

7 Should this case settle, counsel shall notify Gail Glass at 206-370-8522 as soon as
8 possible.

9 The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Minute Order to all counsel of record.

10 Dated this 26th day of March, 2021.

11 William M. McCool
12 Clerk

13 s/Gail Glass
14 Deputy Clerk